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The ninth anniversary exercises of the Agricultural College began with the Farnsworth prize declamations in Amherst College hall, Monday evening, June 23d. The

age, showing excellent training. They surpassed in eloquence much of the declamatory efforts put forth at older institutions where a professor of rhetoric and oration devotes his time to teaching those studies. The prizes consisted of a gold medal, which the judges selected to award them, were Prof. E. P. Crowell of Amherst College; J. R. Nichols of Haverhill, Benjamin P. Ware, of Marblehead, W. H. Bowker of Boston, of class '71, and Geo. Mackie of Attleborough. Of the Sophomore class, Charles F. Flint, Jr., takes the gold medal, subject, "Benedict Arnold," and Joseph L. Hills of the same class, the silver medal, subject, "The American Revolution."

ect, "Skipper Ireson's Ride." George D. Allen, son of George Allen of Amherst took

ject, "King Robert of Sicily," and John E. Wilder of Lancaster the second prize; subject, "Eulogy on Daniel Webster."

THE PUBLIC EXAMINATION

Of the graduating class in agriculture on Tuesday for the Grinnell prizes, came off in the chapel at 10 A. M. The committee, consisting of Dr. J. R. Nichols of Haverhill, O. B. Hadwen of Worcester, J. F. Brown of Lunenburg, and Benjamin P.

SOILS.—Composition and origin of soils; practical varieties of soils, their characteristics and adaptations; soil tillage; the methods and effects of the same.

PLANTS.—The structure of plants; the organs of plants and their offices; composition of plants and the sources from which the materials of their structure are obtained.

SOILS AND PLANTS.—The effect on the soil of natural plant growth; effect of artificial production of plants on the soil.

FARM MANAGEMENT.—FARM ECONOMY; farm accounts; selection, division, fencing and cropping of land; farm buildings; farm machinery; growing grain as a market product and its effect on the farm; the fruits of the farm; the farm as a business; the farm as a source of income; the source and extent of the supply; improved breeds of cattle, their characteristics.

A large number of practical questions were brought up in connection with the above subjects. The class acquitted themselves creditably, showing a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge of agriculture, and the value of the course.

The subjects were quite as familiar with the subjects as the farmers' sons, and they will doubtless, in a series of years, be as successful in practising the art, according to their knowledge obtained in the four years devoted to agriculture.

CLASS REUNIONS.

Tuesday evening the classes of '71 and '72 held their reunions with suppers at the Amherst House. Of the former class 17 members were present, and 13 of the latter.

D. G. K. CONVENTION.

The public oration and poem before the D. G. K. secret society in the chapel, yesterday, was a new feature in the order of exercises. The oration was delivered by James H. Webb of '73, who chose for his subject

WEDNESDAY'S EXERCISES

were fairly attended and were highly commendable. The Battalion drill on the parade grounds was carried out with unusual military precision, the evolutions showing the efficiency of Lieut. Morris as a commanding officer. The presence and aid of a drum corps, consisting of five drums, added much to the general appearance of the review while the cornet band furnished music.

At the alumni meeting this morning there was but little business transacted, except the election of these officers: President, James H. Webb '73; vice-presidents, W. D. Russell

Benedict ⁷⁴, J. F. Barrett ⁷⁵, T. E. Smith ⁷⁶, Joseph Wyman ⁷⁷, C. F. Coburn ⁷⁸; members of Amherst; recording secretary, P. M. Harwood ⁷⁹; of Barre, Mass., treasurer, H. E. Stockbridge ⁸⁰; of Amherst; executive committee, S. T. Maynard, P. M. Harwood ⁸¹; of Amherst; executive committee, James H. E. Thompson, J. H. Stockbridge; auditing committee, James H. Morse.

11. H. L. Phelps ⁷⁴, Atherton Clark ⁷⁷.

In the presence of Gov. Talbot, Lieutenant Governor Long presented the diplomats at the graduation exercises in Amherst College to the graduates with a brief address. Those of the

The Farnsworth prizes were awarded as follows—Sophomores: C. L. Flint, Jr., 1st prize of a gold medal; Joseph S. Hills of Boston, 2d prize, silver medal. Freshmen: 1st prize, Geo. D. Allen, Amherst, gold medal; 2d, John E. Wilder, Lancaster, silver medal. Grinnell prizes: Sam'l E. Green, Chelsea, 1st, \$50; 2d, \$30. George P. Smith, Sunderland. Hill's Botanica

**TREATING MEADOWS AFTER
MOWING.**
[Country Gentleman.]

As meadows are short, yet with a pretty
even and good seat, and as the time for
applying manure cannot well be spared, and
good quality of manure—fine and rotted—is
not always to be had, the next best thing
and one of decided advantage, is to use
plaster. Apply as soon as the crop is off
if it is cheap, indeed the cheapest of all fertil-
izers, yielding much for the outlay where
the land is adapted to it; and it is soon ap-
plied. Give double the quantity or more.

Sulphate perle. Grass requires this. The sulphate is especially beneficial on clay lands. Applying the same quantity to grass as to clover (and the grains are included among the grasses) has failed to show a satisfactory result, except where the quality of the plaster was superior, when a less quantity has the effect of a greater amount of a inferior article. All depends upon the proportion of the salt (sulphate of lime) in the stones. A good dose, evenly applied and covering all, will, with anything like favorable weather the remainder of the season forward and thicken the already good sward with the triple, securing another cutting. If the first crop is removed sufficiently early, as it should be.

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The Ploughman.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1879.

The easy victory of Harvard over Yale at New London, last week, is made the topic of much cheering commentary by the press, at the heavy expense of the Yale crew. It was hardly a race at all.

The final adjournment of Congress on Tuesday afternoon was a relief on all sides, in this midsummer weather, when legislative business is at a standstill, and the members are calculating as to the time to create.

There are rumors current that the young Republic is about to be dissolved, and that a reconnoitering expedition were forward on the Atlantic coast. It certainly was a risky position to place the remnant of the Napoleonic dynasty in.

The Egyptian affairs present a lively contest among the various European powers, discussion having seriously begun among them already. Taken in conjunction with Turkey and the Eastern question, it makes a middle of the world which may finally come some highly interesting conclusion.

The stories set on foot concerning a general demonstration of the working-men of the country on the Fourth following day only to be followed by a general strike for the reduction of the day to eight hours have excited much and anxious attention during the week, but few people after all seriously put any faith in them, and they appear to have been easily satisfied by the sequel.

Death has been busy of late years among those names are familiar to the readers of the Ploughman.

THE NEW ENGLAND FAIR.

The Committee of Arrangements of the Worcester Agricultural Society for the coming New England Fair, Worcester, held a meeting in the office of Mayor Pratt of that city, last week, to begin the preparations for the event which it is designed shall be of some interest to the agricultural community of New England. The details of the general plan were submitted to a pretty thorough discussion, and many suggestions were made in connection with the Fair that is approaching. Mr. Winslow S. Lincoln offered his resignation as Superintendent of Poultry, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was chosen to supply the vacancy. To the Committee on Grounds was referred the matter of additional grounds for the Fair, with power to act as seemed best. Mayor Pratt and Secretary Needham, the Committee appointed by the Trustees of the New England Society to invite President Hayes and the members of the Cabinet to attend the approaching Fair, reported that the invitation had been presented, and that its acceptance was strongly intimated. The same committee was authorized to complete the arrangements, and to meet the President at some convenient point and escort him to Worcester. There is an increasing warmth of feeling in respect to the Fair, and already, which promises all that could be wished for its ultimate success. Worcester also marked a triumph as it made it a new departure in the Society's history and in the agricultural interests of New England.

ANOTHER INSTITUTE.

The State Board of Agriculture will hold another Institute, at Worcester, on the Fair Grounds at Worcester, during the first week in August. This particular Institute is most appropriately designed by the Worcester Agricultural Society to be the timely occasion for rallying a feeling of interest in agricultural community in support of the approaching Fair of the New England Agricultural Society at Worcester. All who will be likely to attend will be glad to learn that President Loring has consented to deliver an address at this meeting, which will be the first time his welcome voice has been heard in an agricultural assemblage for a year. Other distinguished or well known speakers will also be present and be gladly listened to. With the holding of this Institute the Worcester Society designs to inaugurate the series of lectures on the Great Fair, and its success will be the surest prediction of success for the Fair in September.

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ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

The extra session came to a close at five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, the 2nd inst. The hours being far more quiet than is customary. The adjournment of the adjournment by the presiding officers of both Houses was received with applause, showing how glad the members were to be released from legislative confinement. The members were separated with all the joy of boys leaving the school room for a vacation. The sun was in the wrong time altogether for legislative bodies to be in session. The heat generated an irritation not at all compatible with good legislative work.

AMERICAN CREAM.

A London physician, Dr. J. M. Milner, writes, after some years' residence in America, that the American cream is rapidly making its way into Europe, and that it is being used by the aristocracy. He says he has been called upon to prescribe it for a number of cases, and that it has been found to be of great service in many cases. He also says that it is being used by the aristocracy in America, and that it is being used by the aristocracy in Europe. He says that it is being used by the aristocracy in America, and that it is being used by the aristocracy in Europe. He says that it is being used by the aristocracy in America, and that it is being used by the aristocracy in Europe.

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With the holding of this Institute the Worcester Society designs to inaugurate the series of lectures on the Great Fair, and its success will be the surest prediction of success for the Fair in September.

The complete report of the ninth anniversary exercises of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, held in Amherst College Hall on the evening of Monday, June 23, is presented in another place, and will be read by the President of the College, Mr. J. W. Foster, at the commencement of the College, on the 10th inst.

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BOSTON, SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1879.

There may be in putting cream into this, whether the lactic acid would be upon the injuriously, or whether the cream should be prepared after the Drenthian fashion. An unlimited supply of cream has been found in New Jersey, and the householder, but to the medical profession.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Although the Ploughman is sent to press before the anniversary of the anniversary of national independence, it would be as well to have the occasion to pass without improving it to the extent of offering such comments to its readers as are appropriate, if not expected. We ought not to neglect, under the sentiment of labor patriotism to grow warm in our hearts because we are now so far removed from the festive events of the Revolution, but it is our duty to seek to strengthen and recruit them as we feel their power diminishing and their prospects gloomy. There is no little danger of our becoming inclined to complacency rather than nationalism. What we need is to grow more strongly and strictly patriotic.

Accounts from the city of Mexico represent that everything is quiet throughout that country. Spies are coming to Fall River from the city of Mexico, and the striking spirit is growing dark indeed. The water is rapidly leaving the harbor, and the water is rapidly leaving the harbor, and the water is rapidly leaving the harbor.

The tax collector of the town of Hallowell has mysteriously disappeared. The collector of the town of Hallowell has mysteriously disappeared. The collector of the town of Hallowell has mysteriously disappeared.

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The light-weight Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, has given an elegant little dinner at Washington, and to a circle of friends in which was included a heavy weight as Senator David Davis of Illinois.

Boston was treated to a fall of hail, and the hail was treated to a fall of hail, and the hail was treated to a fall of hail, and the hail was treated to a fall of hail, and the hail was treated to a fall of hail.

Lowell has a new daily morning paper. The paper is a new daily morning paper, and the paper is a new daily morning paper, and the paper is a new daily morning paper, and the paper is a new daily morning paper.

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Italy is about to enter upon a complete reconstruction of its political system. Italy is about to enter upon a complete reconstruction of its political system, and Italy is about to enter upon a complete reconstruction of its political system, and Italy is about to enter upon a complete reconstruction of its political system.

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